

FROM THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Perinatal mental health is an issue of great concern to mothers and fathers, families, as well as their healthcare providers, and is, therefore, of interest to the City of Tallahassee; and

WHEREAS, Many women and men are not screened or treated for, nor sufficiently informed about perinatal mood and anxiety disorders because they may lack comprehensive health care, the understanding of the disorder or where to go for help and care; and

WHEREAS, Increased education and heightened awareness of the incidence of perinatal mood and anxiety disorders is critical for all citizens of Tallahassee. Perinatal mood and anxiety disorders do not discriminate. Families of all races, income levels, ages and backgrounds are impacted profoundly, contributing to developmental and behavioral outcomes and attachment disorders in the young children of afflicted women and men; and

WHEREAS, Perinatal mood and anxiety disorders are treatable with timely therapeutic interventions, community-based supportive services, and medications; and

WHEREAS, It is critical that citizens, communities, service providers and support systems have a greater understanding of perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, the spectrum of symptoms, and critical factors in identifying mothers and fathers at risk in order to provide timely diagnosis and treatment, as well as appropriate support through community services and referral systems that co-exist to facilitate recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrew D. Gillum, by the authority vested in me as, Mayor of Tallahassee, do hereby proclaim the second week of May 2017 as:

Perinatal Mental Health Awareness Week



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY
HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THIS CITY TO BE AFFIXED.

MAYOR Andrew D. Gillum

DATE April 4, 2017